

wise deposited on the bed of any of the bays, rivers, creeks, or their tributary streams, on the western shore of this state, without the consent of the person or persons who may have, or may hereafter so plant, place, or otherwise deposit, the same, (subject to the restrictions hereafter mentioned,) under the penalty of fifty dollars for each and every offence; which penalty shall be recoverable before a justice of the peace, in the same manner as small debts are, or shall be recoverable by law; one half to the use of the informer, and the other half for the benefit of the school fund of the county where the offence shall have been committed.

Sec. 6. And be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, other than citizens of the counties bordering on said waters, to join beds of, or otherwise deposit, or take, catch, carry away, or otherwise destroy, any oysters, or other shell fish, within three hundred yards of low water mark, of either shore of said bays, rivers, or creeks.

Sec. 7. And be it enacted, That the citizens of the counties bordering on said waters, may join beds of, or otherwise deposit oysters, or other shell fish, within said prescribed limits; provided, no one person shall have the right to appropriate to himself or herself more than two acres superficies, which shall be so designated, as not to interfere with, or in any manner whatever obstruct the hawling of scines, or any purposes of navigation.

Sec. 8. And be it enacted, That where any creek, cove, or inlet, makes into the land of any owner or other lawful occupant of the same, which creek, cove or inlet does not at its mouth, exceed one hundred yards in breadth, such owner or other lawful occupant, shall have the exclusive right to use the same; provided, nothing herein contained shall be construed so as to authorise any obstruction to the purposes of navigation.

Sec. 9. And be it enacted, That the right to join beds or otherwise deposit oysters, or other shell fish, within the waters of this state, and to use the same, (except as hereinbefore excepted,) shall be in common to every citizen of the state,

Sec. 10. And be it enacted, That in taking or catching any oysters, or other shell fish, it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to use, (except in the Chesapeake Bay and Potomac river,) any drag, or rake, or tongs, with more than six teeth, prongs or nails, on either side; or to take up, or appropriate to his or their use, any oyster bar